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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY OFFICE OF CONGRESS-
WOMAN BURKE (CA) REQUESTING ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF OF
CONSTITUENT MRS. CICELY TYSON, CALIFORNIA DANCE INSTRUCTOR.

2. MRS. TYSON HAS APPARENTLY OBTAINED DANCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR
NIGER CITIZEN, ELEVEN-YEAR OLD MADALENA SOWE, AT DANCE
THEATRE OF HARLEM, NEW YORK. SCHOLARSHIP IS FOR SUMMER
PROGRAM OF BALLET STUDIES AND INCLUDES ALL TRAVEL. TYSON
HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP WITH
MADALENA'S FATHER, BUBAKAR SOWE, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RE-
SPONSE TO CABLES SENT IN LAST TWO WEEKS. LAST WEEK TYSON
CABLED FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS TO SOWE AND REMINDED HIM
VISA WAS NECESSARY FOR TRAVEL TO US. TYSON NOW NEEDS
TO KNOW ON URGENT BASIS IF FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS ARE
ACCEPTABLE, WHICH PARENT WILL ACCOMPANY MADALENA ON NIAMEY-
ABIDJAN PORTION OF TRIP, AND CONFIRMATION OF MADALENA'S
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3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ATTEMPT TO CONTACT MR. SOWE TO
OBTAIN INFORMATION MENTIONED PARA 2. ACCORDING TO MRS.
TYSON, SOWE IS EMPLOYED BY UNCC, (OFFICE TEL:72-36-58).

HE CAN BE REACHED AT HOME EVENINGS THROUGH NEIGHBOR'S

PHONE (TEL:73-23-46). MRS. SOWE APPARENTLY IS
EMPLOYED BY UNIVERSITY OF NIAMEY (OFFICE TEL:73-24-07).
PLEASE SEND ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE BY PRIORITY
CABLE, DEPT PASS: SUSAN SIEM, 336 EAST 50TH STREET,
APT. 5A, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022 (TEL. 212/751-8228).
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